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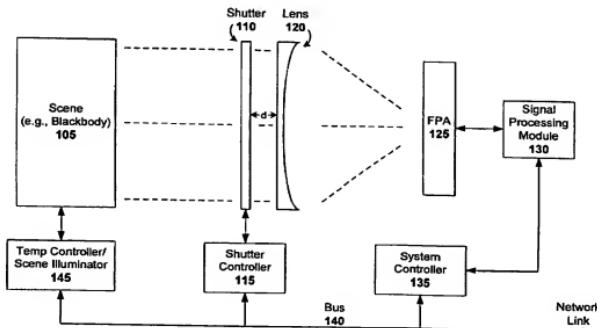
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(57) Abstract: An imaging system comprising a lens, a detector array (e.g., focal plane array), a signal processing module and a shutter, wherein the shutter is positioned in front of the lens (between the lens and the scene being imaged). This front lens shutter mount configuration allows offset correction to compensate for internal radiant flux and other deficiencies associated with conventional systems.

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